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P.C.C. Challenge To Arab States

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

THE Atlantic Pact Council has met, conferred, and dispersed. Without more information it is difficult to judge how wisely it conferred or how confidently it dispersed. As might have been expected, a permanent executive body has been formed, which will work closely with the military head of the Pact's armed forces, and will try to coordinate and centralize the machinery of common defence. It is already clear that the executive has been set a hard task. The Council's meeting in London evidently did not get down to the practical difficulties of the way of a common defence system; and the question of fair contribution to the manpower, material and cost of the enterprise, and of the future of U.S. responsibility, has been left to the new executive. It still looks as if America and Canada are to keep to their role of outside sponsors, instead of becoming equal partners. From the point of view of the U.S. General Staff, the Atlantic Pact and American military aid within the Pact, remain the military counterpart of Marshall Aid. Their purpose is to put Western Europe militarily upon its feet and to establish a common strategy which could be integrated into U.S. strategy in the event that America, one day, should come to Europe to fight Russia.

THE North Atlantic Pact's executive body is very far from the wide proposals for a permanent and in some respects supra-national Atlantic Council, which M. Bidault, in fact, the relationship of the Pact members to each other and to the central concept, seems to be very much what it was before the conference. As the new executive body, M. Schuman's plan to extend the Franco-German coal, iron and steel pact to include other Western European nations, notably Britain and Belgium, has not met with much enthusiasm. That possible nucleus of a really effective Western Union to serve as a solid prop to the Atlantic Pact, therefore promises less than some had hoped, and still implies, as some had feared, a Franco-German colossus based on a revival of the old iron and steel cartel, with the risk of a Western Union dominated by reactionary bankers and industrialists. M. Reynaud's leading part in the scheme is not a comforting development.

THE "New Statesman" described the London conference as a desperate rearguard action; and believes that the Kremlin "once again holds the initiative." It always does. It must continue to do so as long as Western moves are dictated by the need to overcome Western rivalries and as long as the European States have their policies on the assumption that the United States will go on feeding, clothing and financing them, and that, at a pinch, it can be depended on to come and save them in the event of war, providing that they are willing to have a hand here, to sack an enemy's camp there, and to support their allies, with such principles as they may have.

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Fertile Crescent Plans Arise Again

Nahas Pasha has announced his readiness to attend the Arab League Council's June session in Beirut, but, in case his health will not permit him to proceed to the Lebanon, the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs will represent him in Beirut, NEA-BS reported.

Radio Baghdad announced that Iraq had drafted the text of a memorandum to the Arab League asking for an appeal of last week's annexation decision, stating that the annexation was the best alternative possible under the present circumstances.

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Trusteeship Group To Convene June 1

LAKH SUKCHIE, Thursday (PTA). — The Trusteeship Council will convene here for its seventh regular session on June 1, it was announced yesterday.

The highpoint in its scheduled agenda is to be the consideration of the report from Israel and Jordan on their undertakings in respect to the status of the internationalization of Jerusalem drawn up by the Council at its last session.

Although Mr. Aubrey Eban told U.N. correspondents that the Israeli reply would be in the hands of Council President Roger Garreau within a week or so, nothing is yet known of the response from Jordan. Both States, however, have made it clear since last autumn that the implementation of any plan for the complete internationalization, which the present plan calls for, is impossible.

M. Garreau is due to arrive in the U.S. from Paris on Friday.

The P.C.C.'s latest communication falls completely to answer this question. It is not thought likely that the Israel Government will see any purpose in sending a delegation to negotiate peace without knowing if there is to be anyone at Geneva to negotiate it with.

It is understood to be the view, not only of the Israel Government but also of the Commission itself, that it is now the duty of the Arab states to define their position clearly, and to let it be known whether they are ready to join Israel in peace negotiations without setting, as in the past, preliminary conditions which are equivalent to a refusal to negotiate. The P.C.C.'s invitation has at least made it clear, in the Government's view, that if there is no affirmative reply from the Arabs there can be little hope of any further move along the lines proposed on March 29, and the P.C.C. will have to try still another plan.

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Baghdad Threatened
By Flood Waters

BAGHDAD, Thursday (UP). Authorities last night breached the great Daudiyah dike, 23 miles above Baghdad, to relieve the flood-swollen Tigris River and ordered two more breaches further upstream in an effort to save the capital from inundation. The breaches, which will flood the vast barley and wheat fields above the city and drive 5,000 persons from their mud homes, were ordered in an effort to lower the river at Baghdad, where it reached an all-time record height of 117 feet last night.

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Foreign Office Maintains
Silence on Flying Boat

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON, Thursday. — The Tel Aviv flying boat incident was featured on the front pages of this morning's papers.

A British Foreign Office spokesman, however, refused to comment on the occurrence until an official report is received. No representations of the incident are expected here.

The "Daily Express" score headline "Israel Fires On R.A.F. Plane" is not regarded as at all indicative of feeling in official circles.

(Picture above taken in Tel Aviv harbor on Wednesday showing the damaged flying boat anchored to a buoy.)

Merger of P.C. and
P.E.C. Announced

The merger of two important Israeli financial institutions, the Palestine Corporation and the Palestine Economic Corporation, was announced in identical brief statements in New York and Jerusalem yesterday.

The announcement, which is the outcome of months of negotiations between the two banking institutions, the first of which has been financed by English investors and the second by Americans, is published as an advertisement elsewhere on this page.

Egypt Urged to Sever Last Sterling Link

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuters). The Egyptian Chamber of Deputies Finance Committee today urged the Government to sever Egypt's last link with sterling.

Though Egypt left the sterling bloc in June, 1947, she was still linked to large sterling balances in Britain. The Committee report said financial authorities in Britain had "frustrated Egypt's hope that the devaluation of sterling would render it a free convertible currency and would enable countries to dispense with bilateral trade."

U.K. Interested In Israel Securities

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday. — The Treasury's newly promulgated tax regulations concerning holders of Israeli securities are being closely studied here.

It is now clear that the double tax order of 1947, relating to Palestine, will continue in force in relation to Israel territory. This is taken to mean that holders entitled to relief can claim an adjustment for the interim period.

For some shareholders, this should prove substantial. Moreover, Israeli securities now offer an attractive yield for investors since full credit is given by the British Treasury for income tax paid in Israel.

The size of the income-tax differential is not yet certain but it appears likely to be considerable.

Local comment today is favourable, and a significant rise in investments is fore-shadowed in some quarters. It is understood that the Anglo-Palestine Bank has prepared to arrange tax adjustment facilities for its shareholders.

The Treasury's move comes at a moment when Israel desperately needs funds for her reconstruction and to meet her obligations to the United Nations.

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The understanding that repayment will be made over a period of years to the British Treasury from the profits of these undertakings — presumably in sterling but after the exhaustion of Israel's sterling balances, possibly in dollars.

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Reserve Exercises

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At dusk, the guests visited Marcus Camp on Mount Carmel, one of the bases of the "Army Information Section." They attended a Hebrew lesson for immigrants among the soldiers, and talked with the soldiers and teachers.

General Pay Rise For Employees Of Histadrut

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — A new pay schedule for Histadrut employees was adopted by the Histadrut Executive today. The new system will raise the present salaries by from IL5 to IL11. It is retroactive from January 1, 1950.

Wages will be made up of a basic monthly salary, which will be IL10 and equal for all employees; family allowances, which are IL7.500 for the first child and IL4 for each of the next two children; cost-of-living allowances, which are calculated on the first IL12 of the basic wage according to a schedule which ranges from 80 per cent to 120 per cent of the C.-O.-L. index, and IL1 annual increments up to IL20. All other methods of calculating wages now in use are to be dropped.

Representation allowances will be granted in special cases by a committee to be set by the Histadrut Executive. A maximum of IL25 has been set. Representation allowances are given to officials on special duty and to those sitting on elected boards. It was decided that elected members would receive lower representation allowances than officials.

According to the new schedule, a married man with two children will get about IL75, some IL7 more than at present, excluding annual increments.

The main difference in the calculation of the new scale of wages is its simplicity. There is a notable change in annual increments which are IL1 annually instead of half a pound.

The Executive rejected the Mapam demand that Histadrut workers be paid thirteen monthly salaries in a year.

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Questions of the standing of the medical profession in general and the status of the Medical Association as representatives of the Government doctors in particular were discussed, as well as the salaries and terms of employment of these physicians.

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Atlantic Body Agrees American Will Head Executive Council

Ministers Leave Door Open
For Settlement with Russia
Closer Ties For
Big Three, Canada

LONDON, Thursday. — The Atlantic Pact Foreign Ministers agreed today to take unprecedented defence and economic steps under an American chief to defend their freedom. But they also said, at the end of their historic conference here, that the door is open to an international settlement of world problems with Russia when she is willing to cooperate on "conditions of equality and mutual respect."

The declaration of the Atlantic Ministers was read at a final public session of the Council by U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Mr. Acheson sketched the six steps taken at the conference toward creating a working community of the Atlantic Pact Council: 1) the creation of a permanent council of deputies; 2) directives to the North Atlantic Committee to put into effect the Western defence plan for a balanced international defence force; 3) an agreement on principles to guide the deputies and other Atlantic Pact bodies; 4) a recommendation to each Pact country to make its full contribution to mutual defence "in proportion to their ability"; 5) the determination to achieve an effective military defence; and 6) the provision for a planning board on merchant shipping.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told the Council that the Western powers must build up their strength "without delay."

Speaking of Western Germany, he said: "We are proposing today that she should go further and associate herself with the European democracies in order to put an end to that antagonism which for a century has been at the root of so many wars."

Many of the foreign ministers echoed Mr. Acheson's view that real progress has been achieved here. "We have come closer to realities in an atmosphere of more friendly understanding, of a more courageous acceptance of facts," Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Van Zeeland told his colleagues.

"Something really historical has been achieved," said Italian Foreign Minister Count Sforza. He added that the Atlantic Pact nations must accept the fact that "some limitations to the outmoded traditional idea of national sovereignty" are necessary for the success of the Western alliance. He pledged that Italy is ready to make sacrifices of sovereignty for the common benefit.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the Council: "Our objective now is to fortify peace, not merely prepare for war."

He said the Atlantic Pact grouping has three outstanding characteristics. It is a peaceful, democratic and free association.

(UP, AP)

New Food System Causes Camp Clash

PETAH TIKVA, Thursday. — A camp guard and several immigrants from the Rosh Ha'ayin immigrant camp were injured in a clash which broke out between Yemenites and camp officials at nine o'clock this morning. Six newcomers were arrested.

The camp officials have for some time suspected that the children's rations were being used up by parents and older members of the family. A new system of distribution of food was therefore introduced today. Children from two to twelve were given special meal cards, and a special dining hall was set aside for them, where it was also planned to teach the children table manners.

When the system went into operation this morning the adults, who objected to their children being fed separately, broke into the children's dining hall and broke the furniture. A guard who tried to intervene was beaten up. Ten other guards hastened to the spot, and a scuffle developed with the immigrants which lasted about thirty minutes, until police arrived from Petah Tikva. Two camp secretaries who also tried to intervene were threatened but escaped without injury.

The detained men are being charged with disturbing the peace, damaging public property and assaulting camp personnel.

BANK MERGER

The Palestine Economic Corporation and The Palestine Corporation Ltd. are recommending to their shareholders a merger of their banking interests by the Palestine Corporation's issuing to the Palestine Economic Corporation 600,000 shares at par. The issued capital of the Palestine Corporation is accordingly to be increased to \$1,855,000.

The existing staff of the two companies, with Mr. J. Simon and Mr. M. Jaffe at the head, will form the staff of the enlarged Palestine Corporation Ltd., with Mr. A. Ehrenfeld and Mr. P. Singer as Joint General Managers of their banking interest. (Advt.)

Smaller Picket At Rosh Ha'ayin

PETAH TIKVA, Thursday. — The Rosh Ha'ayin immigrant camp was picketed this morning for the third consecutive day. The picket line was smaller, and there were no incidents.

About thirty new immigrants found seeking work in town this morning were taken back to the camp.

The pickets claim that the immigrants do not obtain employment through the Labour Exchange and that they are able to accept lower than standard wages because they live in the camp. Several orange groves which have lately employed new Yemenite labour today applied for 40 workers from the Labour Exchange.

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President Not Leaving Soon

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — President Weizmann will not leave Israel for a visit abroad for the time being, it was officially announced here today.

The announcement added, however, that it was possible that Dr. Weizmann might visit Europe for reasons of health during the middle of the summer.

After Midnight

Fifteen U.S. Air Force crewmen were killed yesterday when their B-29 Superfortress crashed while attempting an emergency landing at the air base in the Akko Island.

Sprinkzak Leaves For Argentina

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday. — Mr. Yosef Sprinkzak, the Speaker of the Knesset, left by air today for Argentina on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. He was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. H. Leibr.

The two Deputy Speakers of the Knesset, Mr. N. Nir and Mr. Y. Burg; the Clerk of the Knesset, Mr. M. Rosette, and his two deputies, Mr. A. Zidon and Mrs. K. Aharonovitz; representatives of the Foreign Ministry and several Knesset members gathered at the Airport to see him off.

Mr. Sprinkzak will be away for four weeks.

Shazar Will Not Attend UNESCO

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Minister of Education, Mr. Z. Shazar, is unable to leave for Italy to head Israel's delegation to the Fifth General Assembly of UNESCO, meeting in Florence on May 22, owing to pressure of work. The Israeli delegation to the Assembly will therefore be composed of:

Dr. Pinchas Kohn, head of the delegation; and Mr. Shlomo Gensser, Israel Minister to Italy; Prof. Alexander Dushkin, of the Hebrew University; and Prof. S. Sambaruk, Director of the Research Council of Israel.

Dr. Kohn left Israel for Italy today. He will be joined in Florence later by the other members.

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THE picketing, amounting virtually to blockade, of Rosh Ha'ayin immigrants camp by unemployed men from Petah Tikva in order to prevent the immigrants from seeking work draws forcible attention to some of the problems inherent in the policy of mass immigration. Nobody opposes this policy, which is fundamental to the State, but for that very reason it is necessary to understand clearly some of the problems raised by the existence of a large and temporarily subsidized camp population.

That the immigrants do not want to remain in idleness, that in fact they are anxious to find work, is heartening and is characteristic of the Yemeneite Jews' industriousness and independent spirit, and on no account should it be discouraged. At the same time, to allow into the labour market tens of thousands of labourers, unskilled and used to a low standard of living, and at the same time given full or partial maintenance in camps, who would therefore consent to work for a pittance would endanger the painfully built up structure of employment in this country and perhaps the whole social organization with its careful safeguards against exploitation of the workers. Yet, as is happening at Rosh Ha'ayin now, a crude attempt to prevent the immigrants from finding work might be interpreted not as tactic in the struggle, waged everywhere in the world between organized and unorganized labour, which it is in essence, but as a conflict between the settled population and the immigrants, between fortunate Israelis and their hard-pressed brethren, which it is not, and which it must not, at any cost, be permitted to become.

The answer, of course, always returns to the same point: — the immigrants must be got out of the camps as quickly as possible, and while they are there they must be allowed a fair share of such work as is available, but at full wages and through the labour exchanges and on the same basis as immigrants who have already left the camps. Undeniably, the employers in the plantations and fields in the vicinity of Rosh Ha'ayin are only too willing to give work to the immigrants. Their willingness is not to be ignored because it is in their own interest, any more than the views of the picketers are to be ignored because it is in their interest. There is no doubt that the employers want the cheaper labour largely because they believe that many of the present workers do not give them value for the high wages paid. The employers would be less avid for unorganized and inexperienced labour if organized labour could bring its output into better accord with the payment that it demands and receives. This is a matter for the organized workers themselves. They alone are able to make this particular and most valuable contribution to the great task of integrating a mass immigration into Israel.

THE INDIAN PRINCELY STATES

By DR. HARNAM SINGH (Delhi University)

INDIA'S princely states, before the country became independent on August 15, 1947, numbered about 560. Little is known about them in foreign lands. But the princes who ruled them and who travelled widely in Europe, were known for their wealth, their palaces and the number of their wives.

The princely states varied considerably in size and population. At the one end of the scale there were states as large in area and population as France, Germany, or any other state in Europe, while at the other end there were those whose areas and populations did not comprise more than an average sized kibbutz. The latter formed the majority and together they covered about one-third of the total area of the subcontinent of India and included about a quarter of its population.

Origin of States
A great majority of the states were not the creation of the British. When the British started interfering in Indian politics at the beginning of the 18th century (they had originally come as traders in the early part of the 17th century, incorporated as the East India Company) the Moghul Empire, which had held sway over the country for over three hundred years, was tottering. The distant viceroys and governors had assumed independence, though nominally they were still under the suzerainty of the Moghul Emperor at Delhi.

Among those rulers, strife of one kind or another ensued, and frequently there was dispute over successions to the throne. Each party would solicit the aid of the British East India Company which had by then assumed considerable importance and maintained an army on the pretext of safeguarding its interests.

Especially the cause of one prince against another, and playing an active role in succession disputes proved often more profitable ventures than trade. The Company and its officials amassed considerable wealth, and

whole territories were ceded to it as reward for "services rendered." This process continued for about a century till India came entirely under British domination. After the mutiny of 1857, the last effort of some of the states to throw off the British yoke, the territories in India were transferred from the East India Company to the Crown, and the annexation of Indian states ceased.

Under British Rule
After the assumption of dominion in India by the Crown, the British Government kept a vigilant eye on the princes. Their territorial integrity was guaranteed so long as they behaved. They could have contact with each other only through the political department of the Government of India. During the first World War they placed the entire resources of their territories at the disposal of the British.

After the war, they were allowed to form an organization known as the Chamber of Princes. The reason for this change of heart was not only the loyalty of the princes but the growing strength of Indian nationalism. Being reactionaries themselves and depending for their existence on the British, the princes formed a useful bulwark against the rising tide of Indian nationalism.

The system which the Indian states represented was unique in character. They were not subject to international law and yet, the larger ones particularly, enjoyed some aspect of sovereignty. The big states had their own army, flag, coinage and postal system. They had their own administrative and judicial system and were not part of the British administration in India. Unlike in British India, parliamentary statutes did not operate in the Indian states. They had direct relations with the Crown which were regulated by what is known as the "doctrine of paramountcy," and no appeal from any judgment, decree or final order from any court of these states could be made to the Privy Council.

In spite of these aspects of sovereignty, the states could not enter into treaty alliances with any foreign state, declare war or enter into peace treaty. For all practical purposes they were entirely under the domination of the British.

On the withdrawal of the British from India and the division of the country into the two dominions of India and Pakistan the option was given to the states to join either. The majority have attached themselves to India because of their geographic position and they now form an integral part of the Indian administration. Some of the states have been incorporated into the administrative units formerly called British Indian Provinces, and others have grouped together to form a separate convenient administrative unit. In the latter case a prince — usually of the larger states — is appointed head of the administration, but, like the King of England, does not exercise executive power.

Parliamentary System
All such units elect a parliament and function on the British parliamentary system. The princes, the majority of whom used to consider the revenues of their states as their private income, are given a fixed privy purse. They find it hard to live in their former pomp, but some of them have adjusted themselves to the changed times.

Very few outside India realize the significance of this change. It was believed in many responsible quarters that on the withdrawal of the British from India, the country would become a hotbed of intrigue and warfare, and all these princely states would become sovereign and independent. Fortunately nothing of the kind happened. The credit for this goes to Sardar Patel, the Home Minister, and to Mr. V.P. Menon, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of States. Their administrative genius and statesmanship have brought about the integration of the princely Indian states into the administration of India in a peaceful manner.

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Pascin At Bezalel Museum

JULES Pascin, I am sure, who also went from us too soon. Then there are drawings Pascin did for the "Simplificismus," still academic in their technique but with a touch of Stieglitz in their style. Early Parisian works follow, of the period in which Pascin came under the influence of Toulouse Lautrec, whose style he soon abandoned, but to whose mentality he remained related all his life.

Here we have an abundant richness of the ripe Pascins, these delicious drawings which collectors hunt all over the world, the harvest of a short Rabelaisian life, travels in the Latin America and in the Mediterranean, where Pascin, on his way to Palestine, was stranded in the then, colourful cafes of the "Cancans," the "Musique-Halls," all the women, whose obesity is so remarkably sublimated. Amongst the oils there are works of an almost painful loveliness. Such are the "Gypsy" and the many portraits of his wife, reaching from Neo-Impressionism to an expressionist borderland. It remains for the psycho-analyst to comment on the workings of the mind of an artist who, all his life, painted his slim wife, until choosing other women models only of considerable embonpoint.

Sketches for Future Works
Every museum of modern art will envy the Bezalel its sketches of monumental compositions which Pascin never executed: that "Olympus" in Boucher's manner with a carriage awaiting the goddess in the background, and one of the artist's last works, the "Bathsheba," a veritable vision of a hell of sensuality, painted with the abandon and force of Tintoretto's most baroque works.

A Generous Gift
The "Jules Pascin Hall" now opened at the Bezalel Museum is a gift of the artist's brother, Mr. Joseph M. Pincas, of Paris. This new Pascin collection of the Bezalel Museum is catholic, encompassing the master's work in characteristic pictures. The series starts with academic drawings done in Vienna at the age of 17. They are of a technical perfection reminiscent of the early work of Egon Schiele.

intended his work to be enjoyed and I did enjoy the magnificent Pascin collection, brought by Mr. Narkiss from Paris. There, at last, is a great Parisian artist, who painted women and not dead fish and triangles. A Bulgarian Jew, he lived in France until the Great War when he moved to America where he committed suicide in 1930, at the age of 45.

Jules Pascin is representative of that cynical despair of the 'twenties which was so much more gay than the triste despair of the 'forties. The theme of his work is a deep feeling for life, which has lost all its illusions but not its love. There is nothing in Pascin's art of that objectivity leading to abstraction. He was utterly subjective, an integral part of the milieu to which he had devoted his art. Jules Pascin was alive, every day of his life until he had exhausted himself. Subconscious knowledge of the inescapable end overshadows his art, those drawings of an opalescent, knife-like keenness, those paintings, the flower-like beauty of which develops to somber dreams. The sensuality in Pascin's art is fatal, but it is vital. His works are great human documents, and not hieroglyphs of a secret science, like many of the famous pictures now created in Paris. Pascin's art, therefore, does not need learned introduction. What Jules Pascin told an art critic many years ago, still applies: "Don't study my work. Study life, and women and you will understand it."

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SITTING ON THE FENCE

BY NATHANIEL GUBBINS

In America a woman has been granted a divorce because her husband kissed the dog goodbye every morning and gave her a pat. In England a man has been granted a divorce because he was expected to kiss the cat when he came home at night.

"I CAN'T think what men and women are coming to," said The Dog.
"Neither can I," said The Cat.
"The silly fuss they make about nothing. After all, why shouldn't a man kiss a dog good-bye instead of his wife? Most men prefer dogs to women, anyway."

"And how dare a man complain about kissing a cat? We're much better looking than women. And smell nicer." "Not always," said The Dog. "Are you trying to be rude?" asked The Cat.
"I have a strong sense of smell," said The Dog.
"Perhaps you'd rather kiss that scented woman of the house than me? Or that man who reeks of tobacco?"

"They both reek of tobacco," said The Dog. "I'd not kiss either of them." "Well, who do you want to kiss, then?" asked The Cat. "A b..."

"Shh," said The Dog. "You mean a lady dog." "Call them what you like," said The Cat. "They all stink." "Not to me," said The Dog, his eyes watering with sentiment. "I think they smell lovely."

"No accounting for tastes," said The Cat.
"Ditto about tom cats," said The Dog.
"Off that chair before I tear the eyes out of you," said The Cat.
"I'm keeping it warm for the boss."

"Off it," said The Cat, "and be quick."

"Oh, well," said The Dog, jumping down, "anything for peace."

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A clergyman is now offering advice on intimate domestic problems in signed newspaper columns, here is Canon Gubbins dealing with correspondence, which must have got into his mail by mistake.

I am engaged to a boy who is half a doctor through reading medical books and does not believe in kissing, as he says it spreads disease. When I suggest a good-night kiss in the porch, he says I am full of germs, and runs for the last bus home. Do you think we ought to marry?

Well, dear, he doesn't seem to have asked you yet, does he? Until then, I think you should realize that health and hygiene have been greatly over-publicized and that your boy's obsession with medical matters may pass when he is old enough to understand that a little knowledge is dangerous.

In the meantime, remember that attack is the best defence. Build up the idea that your boy is also full of germs, as no doubt he is. Make cutting remarks about his unhealthy appearance and doubtful parentage. Buy a syringe and spray him with disinfectant every time he comes near you. If he takes it in the right spirit he will also buy a syringe and you could spray each other good-night.

If, on the other hand, he takes offence, you had better end the romance, if you can call it such.
Marriage to a man like that would be impossible unless you want to feel like a drain married to a sanitary inspector.

T.V. THREAT TO FILM INDUSTRY

By NORA BELOFF

LOCAL Cassandra prophesying dire disaster in the Hollywood movie industry are two-penny here today. The attention of the film world is rivetted on two precipitate and opposite graphs: the downward curve of American cinema attendance and the upward curve of installed and operating television sets in American homes.

Within the last three years the number of cinema seats sold in the United States on a weekly average was 70 million against 53 million today — a drop of almost one third. During the same period TV sets have increased from a few hundred thousand to four million, and each set is of course available to several people.

Nevertheless, a close-up view of the industry itself gives no indications of present catastrophe. Although the boom of the past few years is over, an objective analysis shows it was hardly more than a war-time freak linked directly with inflation, easy money and often nothing but movies to spend it on. Shortage of cars and petrol discouraged driving, household goods were scarce, homes themselves insufficient. The public flocked to the movies two or three times a week regardless of programme and Hollywood found that no junk was beneath the box office draw. Those balmy days are over: discrimination has revived, dull, silly and cheap films are flopping right and left and movie magnates, like big businessmen in other branches of American industry, find themselves back in a disagreeable competitive "buyers' market."

But although box office business is roughly back at its pre-war level the big firms are still prospering. Twentieth Century Fox, for instance, released eighteen

films in 1947, twenty-one in 1948, twenty-four last year, has plans for thirty for 1950 and hopes to raise the figure to thirty-six in 1951. Story editors say the competition for scripts is greater than ever and the price paid for a good magazine article often reaches six figures. An independent producer who has refused to sell out to the Big Five (the leading firms in the movie business) tells me that given a competent di-

ONLY ONE LEG?
HOLLYWOOD (AP). — Billy Wilder, Viennese director, and Erich Pommer, German-born producer, plan to star Marlene Dietrich in an independent movie titled *A Leg To Stand On*. A story about post-war Germany, it will be filmed in that country in both English and German language versions next autumn.

rector, a good idea, and a couple of well known stars he has no difficulty in raising capital for a new venture.
"Disembodiment Process" The squall primarily directed against TV can in fact be traced back to the movie Five and is linked less to their production problems than to their losing battle with the American Government which has challenged their right to own nation-wide chains of cinemas. The "disembodiment" process, as it is called, is being conducted under the anti-trust and anti-cartel laws, and Washington plans to enforce the separation of

studio and theatre ownership within the next few months. Although in most cases the chains are more lucrative today than the studios (Paramount recently announced a profit of 39 million dollars of which only 11 million were from film production), all the big firms have chosen to stay in Hollywood. An effort to split the cinema and studios between themselves was made by Warner Brothers, but contested by Government lawyers. The process will benefit the independent producer who cannot compete on equal terms with the firms which control the theatres.

Phonovision
Recently a private company tried to experiment with giving TV owners the freedom to choose over their telephone, out of a pool of films, those they would like to see

(at one dollar a time) on their own home set. Engineers invented a telephonic link and scheduled an area in the Middle West to test "phonovision." The plan never materialized: the big companies not only withheld their films from the pool but privately warned independent producers that if they participated they would be excluded from the theatres. On the ordinary TV station, controlled by commercial firms for advertising purposes, the funds were inadequate to cover the cost of a high-class movie; without some new "phonovision" device for obtaining direct payment from the public, television would slash movies to about one tenth of their present costs.

For the time being TV still sends shivers down Hollywood spines. Movie experts hope and pray that the highly developed "get-together" instincts of the American people will sustain "cinema-going" habits. Some suggest that the new "three dimension" films will give the theatre a new lease of life. Others, again, argue that if the U.S. Government used its power and compelled Britain to reopen her markets to American films the war-time boom could be revived.

Nobody quite knows. Meanwhile, a cloud, unfamiliar object in the "Golden State" of California, looms and expands on the Hollywood horizon.

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WORLD BETWEEN UTOPIA AND ARMAGEDDON

By AUBREY EBAN

Address, given by the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations on April 23, at the General Assembly, The Nations Association, New York.

OWE gratitude to the Nations Association for again associating Israel in this annual session on which the issues of human destiny are discussed in their most urgent contemporary aspects. To become transformed overnight from a mere object of international attention into an active participant in the collective decisions of mankind is one of the many challenging experiences which have fallen to Israel's lot in these two adventurous years. Having anxiously watched other governments sedulously intervene in our affairs, we suddenly became endowed with more responsibility and freedom in them. We are fully persuaded that inexperience and recent arrival do not diminish the international responsibilities of newly emancipated states. Indeed, as we survey some of our more es-

Dangerous Disparity

Any state desiring a quiet life would have done well not to have been born in the twentieth century. This general truth assumes a special intensity, as the century proceeds towards its second half. Never in all his turbulent history has man displayed more brilliant dominion of nature, force, and a more combined impotence in the social and political arts. All the historians of our generation have noticed this disparity. We can control and dominate almost everything in the realm of nature, and almost nothing in the domain of human relationships. It may be that this disparity is of our own making. We have shown a deep ardour in the pursuit of scientific knowledge, material power and little or no ingenuity in the art of controlling and harnessing that power to constructive ends. But let us neither blame the scientist nor look to him for salvation. The atomic terror exists not because of our scientific success, but because of our political failure. Atomic power will be as beneficial or as destructive as we make it. It is neutral. It contains no automatic assurance of good or ill. It can enliven or destroy; it can fructify or cause to perish. But whichever of these things it does, it will do with the most complete and total decisiveness. In each case it is our political success or failure which will determine the choice within our own generation. The business of international relations therefore becomes the transcendent concern of the contemporary age. Diplomacy is no longer a specialized science; it is the issue of human survival itself.

Bridge Between East and West

It is natural that a world poised on this extraordinary frontier between Utopia and Armageddon should turn to examine the instruments available to international statesmanship for its most crucial test. The United Nations, born by constitutional scrupulousness within five years of

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of similar social and political attitude can cooperate harmoniously, together is to say something of complete truth and of almost no value. That is not the problem which international statesmanship is called upon to solve. It is called upon to solve the problem of the coexistence of opposing doctrines; to harmonize the actions of divergent schools of thought, by finding a common purpose which

Breach Must Be Repaired

Peace cannot be made by remote control. It can only grow out of contact. The absence of permanent contact between the two worlds within a single constitutional framework would be one of the most desperate failures which we could envisage. It is an urgent international objective to ensure that there shall again sit in all the organs of the United Nations representatives of five governments effectively controlling the territories of the five countries which have primary responsibility under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security. An edifice built to rest on five pillars now totters precariously on three. Beyond that immediate aim lies the further objective of completing the universality of the United Nations by the admission of the excluded states, as well as of the newly liberated Republic of Indonesia.

Not even this degree of constitutional perfection will automatically enable the United Nations to solve the atomic deadlock. Yet the repair of the constitutional breach before the next session of the General Assembly would at least render possible the resumption of the atomic discussion in its proper international setting. For these reasons I am amongst those who applaud the valiant and courageous efforts of the

Example From Israel

For let us realize, in all sobriety that the issue of survival will have to be settled in the existing divided world. It is of no avail to wish that ideological unity would embrace all peoples and thus solve the awe-inspiring crisis without tears. For when we utter such a remote wish we become tempted to conclude that until or unless such

dem. Yet we should be right-ly accused of defeatism if we assume that no regional peace in the Near East were possible until parliamentary institutions replaced the picturesque but authoritarian monarchies which persist everywhere else in the area. The same is true of the universal scene. Since no spectacular ideological conversions are in sight, either in the East or in the West, it follows that if we do not believe in peaceful coexistence, then we believe

Purpose of Survival

It may be questioned whether there exists a world purpose common to both sections of the international community today and capable of uniting them above their differences. Surely, the atomic era has removed that doubt. There is a common purpose which the peoples and governments of both East and West may be deemed to cherish with complete devotion. That purpose is survival. We no longer have to examine whether anybody is sincere in abhorring war. There may be some ironic providence in the fact that the atomic age has provided an incentive against war so powerful and universal that none can fail to sense or perceive it. The consequences of victory are now so indistinguishable from the consequences of defeat that we need assume the existence of no advantage or interest which anyone can hope to fulfil by war. It would perhaps be more inspiring if we could attribute to all parties a more positive and lofty reason against war than this impartial and comprehensive fear. Suffice it to say in these very prudent terms that a common interest exists; a common forum can be restored to effectiveness; the compulsion of world opinion operates with vigilant insistence in the minds of those thirst for peace. These are not conditions in which failure may be deemed inevitable or success beyond the reach of perseverance.

Other speakers of incomparable authority have reminded us this evening that the roots of peace lie deeper than the diplomatic surface. Beneath the surface, the United Nations has found easier soil for its plough. The liberation of dependent territories has become a persistent theme in the action of the United Nations in recent years. The birth of nations out of colonial subjects is still accompanied by much travail, but the international community lends invaluable and alleviating assistance. There is a marked difference between the democratic fortunes of new states which have come under United Nations influence and those which have not. It must be hoped that this liberating impulse will be maintained.

Jerusalem Constitution

I will allow myself an egotistic digression in order to suggest that this liberating record is somewhat haphazard when for a mature and ancient self-governing city of Jerusalem a constitution is drawn up which would have been an utter disgrace if applied to a backward and illiterate African colony a half century ago. Yet the last word on this unifying document has not been said and on many sides the voice of representation is heard in the land.

More permanent cause of anxiety may be found in the greed of the tendency for fragmentation in the specialized agencies, such as the W.H.O. and the P.A.C. Many hoped that the desire to avoid epidemics and the habit of consuming food were sufficiently widespread in these non-political agencies. Yet the truth is that there seems to be

Ambassador Arrives Today

One headline. "Trip Uneventful. Rocketed in at 180,000 miles a second" it goes on. Politics are a little disturbing too, in 1958. The "Globe" and the "Unipublicans" are bickering about an issue vital to every World Citizen. One. How? Well, it is people. People are still interested in people. "The Star" announces the arrival of the beautiful French actress Jean Cocteau from Unieurope. Jean announces she is spending her holiday on Mercury later in the year. There is still crime. A scientist pleads guilty to stealing part of an atomic pile. He pleads further, in extenuation, that all he wanted to do was to build his own atomium so that he could go fishing during his one hour week.

Money is no more in 1958. You pay for everything in "work-hours." With them you can buy such novelties as television sets with hairpin aerials and the Supreme Six — the best rocket on the market complete with crash bumpers of rubber to take the shock out of interplanetary travel. There is a big call for wives in the still unsettled "colonies" of the universe.

More and Mercury
FROM New York to London, it comes the latest novelty in fashion. It is called the "Mercury" and has as decoration a representation of the front piece of a special edition of the "New York Times" for April 1958 and the special edition is called "The Star" and "Mercury".

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PORTUGUESE NOTEBOOK

Salazar's Experiment

By ARTHUR PUMPHREY

LISBON.— sugar, show how strong is the new national urge to expand and renew. But behind this outer facade a great deal of the older Lisbon survives. And though the melancholy-eyed policemen are modern enough to inflict every possible inconvenience on walker and driver alike (the art of the one-day street has been carried to a diabolical subtlety among the switch-back hills upon which Lisbon is built), it is still easy to escape into the Moorish quarter and listen at night to the *fado*ists, those singers of sad and passionate ballads traditional in Portugal.

THE best way to catch the flavour of Portugal is to cross the frontier by car from Spain, preferably in the extreme South. The contrast then is dramatic. The touch, slightly raffish, wholly masculine, atmosphere of Spain is exchanged, somewhere about mid-stream in the Guadiana, for a soft, relaxing calm. Foreigners — at a safe distance from the shore — are congratulated on escaping from the dreadful Franco tyranny, for the Portuguese feel towards the Spanish that a certain hostility which the Belgians indulge towards the French, or the Dutch towards the Germans. And, indeed, there is something curiously Low Countrified about the little white eighteenth-century port of Vila Real at which the ferry lands its passengers.

But there is also a good deal to be said for the surface of Portuguese roads. After driving for hundreds of miles over what can only be compared to cast iron crimped into ribs like the surface of the Sahara, cars take fresh courage in Portugal. The inexpressible rattle die away, the windscreen stays closed, for miles on end not a single piece falls off the chassis. And these delights are accompanied by some of the loveliest hill-country in Europe — that of the Algarve. It is also comfortable, for there are not only pleasant hotels at the larger centres to stay in but, at San Braz de Alportel, a Government rest-house admirably in design and pleasantly unpretentious.

Resthouse as Symbol
To the traveller going North, this rest-house will be the first sign of pervasive Government activity. Later on, when he gets to Lisbon, he will watch the full energy of the Salazar regime being deployed on an immense work of national reconstruction; but even in Lisbon the rest-house remains as an appropriate symbol. For the strength of the syndicalist State is that it has added amenity to a country essentially poverty-stricken and rural. So rural indeed that for a hundred miles it may be impossible to find a bank, or a shop selling anything except hardware. Look for a cheese, for fruit, for a loaf of bread, even in the large villages of Southern Portugal, and you will get them only by the kindness of an inhabitant. For the basic assumption of Portuguese life is that what you want you make or grow yourself.

Lisbon stands, therefore, in strong contrast to the rest of the country, since it is a city where you can buy everything, from the finest Cuban cigars to the newest Paris novel. It has been turned in twenty years from a charming tumble-down river port to a great modern town. New suburbs poke into the hills, great double-track roads and tall blocks, gleaming like lumps of

Portuguese Thomas Arnold
The result, however one may judge it in the abstract, seems admirably suited to the Portuguese temperament. The New State has brought riches and peace to the nation; it makes no attempt to steamroller the individual; and its methods of government are surprisingly flexible. The effect of Salazar on Portugal can, in fact, be compared with that of Thomas Arnold on the English public schools. Before Arnold there was freedom indeed, but also anarchy and a sense of purpose which, to say the least of it, was haphazard. After Arnold there was order, but also a hampering rigidity of standards; purpose, but also limitation of enterprise. It is rather the state of Portugal today. Probably, in an age of European decadence in the art of government, the Portuguese on balance are lucky to have found their own Dr. Arnold to lead them, 130 years late, out of the eighteenth century.

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BUTTONS are again being used for non-utilitarian reasons. They are found in the fold of a pleat, on a tuck and making novel patterns on sleeves, such as in Model A, which is of black satinette with the wide sleeves buttoned on in an amusing way. The little short coats quilted all over in the same color thread as the silk fabric from which they are made, are high fashion for a second summer. The idea was conceived last year by Jacques Griffe. Model B is of natural tassel silk and has a beret to match.



Buttons are used in a variety of ways, from the classic to the modern. They are used to fasten the sleeves, to create a pattern on the fabric, and to add a touch of elegance to the design. The use of buttons is a timeless fashion element that continues to inspire designers.

By Marie Guyon
with sketches by
M. Auger. Exclusive
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FLOWERS AND KREPLAH

By Molly Lyons Bar-Devid

SHAVUOT was the festival we loved most as children. In the early morning we went out to the fields and woods and gathered the wild berry blossoms in bloom at this season, and then decorated every little in the house. In the afternoon we were busy preparing kreplah (alias vermicelli), blintzes, knishes and what-not, two of the things Jewish the world over has in common on this day.

Asparagus with Hollandaise Fried kreplah with lebanese Lettuce-Tomato-Celery-Radish Spring Salad Steamed apricots Tea or Lemonade Artichokes with Mayonnaise Blintzes with lebanese Spring Salad Mulberries with lemon and sugar Tea or Lemonade

Both asparagus and artichokes are expensive, but then it's a holiday. However, if you must mind your purse, Brussels Sprouts go much further. If Hollandaise is too much work, you'll find that melted margarine makes a very nice dressing for asparagus tips.

And now for the piece de resistance: kreplah are a lot of work, but they are worth it.

Shavuot Kreplah
Dough: 2 cups sifted flour, 1 or 2 eggs, 2 to 3 tsp. cold water.
Filling: 1 cup cottage cheese, 1 egg, 1/2 tsp. salt, dash of pepper, 2 tbsp. fine crumbs. Blend well together with a fork.

Knishes
Dough: 1 cup mashed potato, 1 egg, flour to make a stiff dough, salt, 1/2 tsp. fat. Filling: Cottage cheese seasoned with salt and white pepper and combined with an egg.

Shavuot Potato-Cheese Knishes
Dough: 1 cup mashed potato, 1 egg, flour to make a stiff dough, salt, 1/2 tsp. fat. Filling: Cottage cheese seasoned with salt and white pepper and combined with an egg.

Buyers' Guide

Things To Shop For

Summer Levelles
AN easy start into the summer with a pair of levelles that are comfortable and beautiful too. And with Beny in Jerusalem (11a Ben Yehuda St.) the women of the three main towns can have all their orders executed at each branch workshop. BENY in Tel Aviv (14 Albany Rd.) controls and directs the workshops in each town and keeps the flow of styles moving. BENY's Haifa branch is at 17 Herzl St.

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BEAUTIFUL dogs to come if you follow the expert advice for your very personal make-up and individual care of your complexion that the AVIV PERFUMERY so gladly gives. "Aviv," at 38 Ben Yehuda Rd. corner Bograshov, Tel Aviv, is also the distributor of those fabulous Marlene cosmetics, that so many women have adopted as their very own. Let "Aviv" give you that all-important personal advice.

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Handling the Frightened Child

By Egeria

CHILDHOOD fears are a grim and terrifying experience from which all children suffer at some time or other. Between the ages of two and six, the child is most susceptible and there are after periods of several weeks or even months when he is in a heightened state of fearfulness, and when specific objects or situations provoke reactions of terror. With patient and proper handling, the intensity of these fears can be greatly reduced and they will eventually be overcome by the normal child.

Parents may be irritated or amused by the child's reaction of fear in a situation which the adult mind is obviously free from danger. Sometimes they are worried and upset by the irrational nature of his fear or by the violence of his weeping attacks. Such feelings should be controlled and not allowed to influence the handling of the child, since, if expressed, they will only make matters worse. The terrified child is not helped by being laughed at or teased, and he is in no condition to be left alone in order to "get over it." On the contrary, this is the time to assure him that Mother will remain with him until he again feels quite comfortable.

Replies From Egeria
If you have the care of small children, you may sometimes feel the need to ask specific questions about their problems. Egeria has agreed to answer such questions each week in this column. Of course names will not be published. If you desire specialist guidance, address your request to Egeria, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 31, Jerusalem, giving a concise statement of the problem, together with relevant details of the child's background.

Talented Students at Fashion Institute

By Monty Jacobs

IT may be reaction to anti-unity or it may be rebellion against years of severe lines in utilitarian clothing that has kindled the blaze of talent being shown by some of the student designers at the Hadassah Fashion Institute in Jerusalem. Whatever the basic reason one may find, there is a most definitely talent among the 35 students—most of them women — now well advanced on the Institute's first two-year course. A second batch of students will be accepted next term.

Leah Klein, Parisian designer of the Institute, who now signs his work in dashing Hebrew, is well satisfied with his students. Now they are working on history—at least in a sense.

Taking a costume worn by Pharaoh's female followers, M. Klein helps the students develop something which uses basic Egyptian ideas as fundamentals for modern costume. And what those 35 men and women have developed is a series of fashions that could lead to a mild epidemic of eye-popping among the female population.

One of the boys is showing remarkable ability, the director of the Institute, said as she showed me round the school.

What? one of them said in wonder. "What do you want to train fashion designers for — we can only make Lakol."

That gave Mrs. Kittner the opportunity to point out, a few things which she clarified for me as well. "The people who come here receive their training in the old-fashioned European school," she explained. "What we're doing is training men and women in modern American methods so that we shall be able to produce first-rate ready-made clothing."

Emphasizing the right of every girl to be well, even though cheaply, dressed, Mrs. Kittner said that the adoption of American technique in ready-made clothing was the Institute's main aim.

"We decided to establish the school in Jerusalem because there is a big Oriental population who have clever and skilled hands for tailoring. But they lack direction. We will turn out men and women who can organize and run factories producing better clothing not only for ourselves — but for export."

And that is the answer to the wondering Tel Aviv manufacturer whose vision had become dimmed by the passage of Lakol modes before his eyes. Hadassah's Fashion Institute intends to restore that vision.

Once Mrs. Kittner — who is also in charge of the Alice Seligson Vocational High School and the Hotel Management School — was talking to some manufacturers in Tel Aviv about the Fashion Institute.

"The boy is a genius," he'll be another Christian Dior," she said as she looked at some of the models of women's coats and costumes that he produced for us from out of a grubby case. "He was a student at Bet Hakerem but all the time dreamed of Paris. His colleagues laughed at him." Mrs. Kittner went on. "But now he's getting the chance to prove that his desire to design is based on real talent."

Mrs. Kittner told me of the beginning of the Institute. Founded by Hadassah as a concrete contribution towards providing men and women for Israel's commerce, the Institute is training students all of whom are high school graduates with some skill in designing. The present 35 were selected from

WOMEN RUN STELLA

STELLA, Missouri (AP). — The rolling-pin rules this country town of 300 people in the southwestern corner of Missouri. Spinster Mayor Norma Westcott, an all-woman administration were swept into office in the April 4 elections — all because of a joke that backfired on their menfolk.

"And why not?" asks Mayor Westcott. "Stella is a woman's name, and it's only fitting that women should rule the town." Bill Price, whose wife succeeded him to the Council, said:

"It is going to be hard to live down, but it happened and there is not much we can do about it. Oh, yes," he added hastily after a glance at Mrs. Price, "we'll do everything we can to help the women run the town."

The women's names were added to the list of candidates in fun. The men gleefully told each other that it was a "well joke." "Let us give them a vote or two so they won't feel too badly. They can't win," they said.

Came election day and the joke was on them.

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